

Cooperation Lounge Africa-Europe: Science meets Politics

Tuesday, 10 December 2024, Brussels, Belgium

Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU
Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels

High-Level Networking Event

- 5:30 – 6:30 pm **Registration & Poster Exhibition**
- 6:30 – 6:45 pm **Welcome**
Eric Beißwenger, State Minister for European and International
Affairs, Government of the Free State of Bavaria
- H.E. Ambassador Ahmat Awad Sakine**, Head of Mission, African
Union Permanent Mission to the European Union
- 6:45 – 7:00 pm **Keynote Speech**
Representative of the European Commission (tbc)
- 7:00 – 7:15 pm **Project Presentation: INCiTIS Food**
Professor Gertrud Buchenrieder, University of the Bundeswehr
Munich
- Q&A
- 7:15 – 8:00 pm **Panel Discussion:** “How to enhance the dialogue between science
and policy for African-European research and innovation activities?”
- Moderator: Alison April**, Director International Stakeholder
Engagement - Europe, Stellenbosch University International
- Panellists:**
- **Dr Vincenzo Lorusso**, Policy Officer – Science, Technology
and Innovation cooperation with the African Union and bilateral
cooperation with Rwanda, Nigeria and South Africa, European
Commission
 - **Professor John O. Gyapong**, Secretary-General, African
Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)
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- Q&A
- 8:00 – 10:00 pm **Reception & Poster Exhibition**

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Workshop

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| 9:00 – 9:15 am | Registration |
| 9:15 – 9:30 am | Welcome & Introduction to Science-Policy Nexus in African-European Cooperation in Research and Innovation |
| 9:30 – 11:30 am | Interactive Workshop/World-Café:
Developing Suggestions for Improving Cooperation in African and European Research and Innovation Projects

Representatives from research institutions, funding agencies, and politics participate in the group discussions.

Group Moderation:
Prof. Dr Maria Rentetzi , Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg |
| 11:30 – 12:00 am | Coffee Break |
| 12:00 – 12:30 pm | Synthesis of Group Results & Closing |
| 12:30 – 2 pm | Lunch |